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**TANCREDO STUNNED BY WHITE HOUSE MANEUVER TO  
EXCLUDE KEY IMMIGRATION COMPONENTS OF INTEL BILL**  
*Tancredo said - "These proposals may have prevented 9/11 from  
ever happening, it just doesn't make sense"*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) was shocked to learn of the White House's demand of House Republicans to exclude portions of the House Intelligence Bill which would prevent those who are in the United States illegally from obtaining drivers licenses, speed up the deportation process, and bar the use of the Matricula Consular card, which the FBI has already testified before Congress as being too susceptible to fraud for official use.

"This last minute switch by the White House now puts in jeopardy the most significant border security enhancements we've seen in years," said Tancredo, chairman of the House Immigration Reform Caucus. "I sincerely hope that the White House is not seriously thinking about walking away from this effort in the interest of political expediency in a few states."

The legislation was originally written with the assistance of the Bush Administration, who initially signed off on the early language, including the landmark immigration reform measures.

Tancredo concluded, "The House Leadership had the courage to implement what the bi-partisan 9/11 Commission referred to as a necessary policy change for the U.S. in order to prevent another attack, and I would hate to think the administration lacked the nerve to do the same."

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